IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1.   (Currently Amended) A method for verifying a correct association between information printed on a closed face package and material and/or information contained inside the closed face package, the method comprising the steps of:

(a)   providing a closed face package including a document inserted within the package, wherein the package has a window permitting a portion of the document to be read from a location outside of the package, and wherein the package comprises:

(i)   package data printed on the package and corresponding to account information corresponding to a mail recipient; and

(ii)   document data printed on the inserted document, the document data corresponding to the inserted document and corresponding to the account information; and

(iii)   ~~address data printed on the package and corresponding to the account information including recipient address information;~~

(b)   providing a data file to access the account information stored therein, the data file corresponding to the package data, the document data, and [[the]] to address data;

(c)   <u>acquiring the address data representing recipient address information from the stored account information, sending printing instructions to a printer, and causing the printer to print the recipient address information on the closed face package;</u>

<u>(d)</u>   <u>determining at a predetermined point in time whether the printer has performed a printing operation on the closed face package and causing the closed face package to be rejected if the printer has not performed the printing operation at the predetermined point in time;</u>

<u>(e)</u>   using a first reading device to optically read the printed package data on the package;

[[(d)]] <u>(f)</u>   using a second reading device to optically read the printed document data on the inserted document and appearing through the window;

[[(e)]] <u>(g)</u>   reading the data file to access the account information stored therein;

[[(f)]] <u>(h)</u>   comparing at least a portion of the accessed account information with the package data and comparing at least a portion of the accessed account information with the document data to determine whether a matching association exists between the package data and the document data;

[[(g)]] (i)   if the matching association is determined to exist, allowing the package to be further processed; and

[[(h)]] (j)   if the matching association is determined not to exist, preventing the package from being further processed.

2.   (Original) The method according to claim 1 wherein the package is an envelope.

3.   (Original) The method according to claim 1 wherein the package data is printed on a first side of the package and the window is located on the first side.

4.   (Original) The method according to claim 1 wherein the package data is printed on a first side of the package and the window is located on an opposing second side of the package.

5.   (Original) The method according to claim 1 wherein the first reading device reads the package data in a generally linear first direction and the second reading device reads the document data in a generally linear second direction generally transverse to the first direction.

6.   (Canceled)

7.   (Original) The method according to claim 1 wherein at least one of the reading devices is adapted to read data in Data Matrix format.

8.   (Original) The method according to claim 1 wherein at least one of the reading devices is adapted to read data in Data Glyph format.

9.   (Original) The method according to claim 1 wherein at least one of the reading devices is adapted to read data in Bar Code 39 format.

10.   (Original) The method according to claim 1 wherein at least one of the reading devices is adapted to read data in OCR format.

11.   (Original) The method according to claim 1 wherein at least one of the reading devices is adapted to read data in Post Net barcode format.

12.   (Original) The method according to claim 1 wherein at least one of the reading devices is adapted to read data in Planet Code format.

13.   (Original) The method according to claim 1 wherein at least one of the reading devices is adapted to read data in Interleaved 2 of 5 format.

14. (Original) The method according to claim 1 wherein at least one of the reading devices is adapted to read data in PDF 417 format.

15. (Original) The method according to claim 1 wherein the stored account information includes mail address information.

16. (Original) The method according to claim 1 comprising the step of indicating an error condition if the matching association is determined not to exist.

17. (Original) The method according to claim 16 wherein the step of indicating an error condition includes the step of displaying a human-readable error message.

18. (Original) The method according to claim 16 wherein the step of indicating an error condition includes the step of updating a database file with a print failure code.

19. (Original) The method according to claim 1 wherein the step of preventing the package from being further processed includes the step of rendering inoperable a mail processing machine by which the package is being processed.

20. (Original) The method according to claim 1 comprising the steps of reading a control code printed on the document and using the control code to locate the data file.

21-36. (Canceled)

37. (Currently Amended) A computer program product adapted for verifying a correct association between information printed on a closed face package and material and/or information contained inside the closed face package, wherein the closed face package includes a document inserted within the package and the package has a window permitting a portion of the document to be read from a location outside of the package, the computer program product comprising computer-executable instructions embodied in a computer-readable medium for performing steps comprising:

(a) receiving package data optically read by a first reading device, the package data printed on the closed face package and corresponding to account information corresponding to a mail recipient;

(b) receiving document data optically read by a second reading device, the document data printed on the inserted document and appearing through the window of the package, the document data

further corresponding to the inserted document and corresponding to the account information;

(c)   acquiring address data representing recipient address information from the account information, sending printing instructions to a printer, and causing the printer to print the recipient address information on the closed face package;

(d)   determining at a preset point in time whether the printer has performed a printing operation on the closed face package, and causing the closed face package to be rejected if the printer has not performed the printing operation at the predetermined point in time;

(e)   reading a data file to access the account information stored therein, the data file corresponding to the package data, the document data, and the address data printed on the package, the address data corresponding to the account information including the recipient address information;

[[(d)]] (f)   comparing at least a portion of the accessed account information with the package data and comparing at least a portion of the accessed account information with the document data to determine whether a matching association exists between the package data and the document data;

[[(e)]] (g)   if the matching association is determined to exist, allowing the package to be further processed; and

[[(f)]] (h)   if the matching association is determined not to exist, preventing the package from being further processed.

38.   (Original) The computer program product according to claim 37 comprising causing the first reading device to read the package data in a generally linear first direction and causing the second reading device to read the document data in a generally linear second direction generally transverse to the first direction.

39.   (Original) The computer program product according to claim 37 comprising indicating an error condition if the matching association is determined not to exist.

40.   (Original) The computer program product according to claim 39 wherein the step of indicating an error condition includes the step of displaying a human-readable error message.

41.   (Original) The computer program product according to claim 39 wherein the step of indicating an error condition includes the step of updating a database file with a print failure code.

42.   (Original) The computer program product according to claim 37 wherein the step of preventing the package from being further processed includes the step of rendering inoperable a mail processing machine by which the package is being processed.

43.   (Original) The computer program product according to claim 37 comprising receiving a control code read from the document and using the control code to locate the data file.

44-51. (Canceled)